

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BBSR, KS  
SUBJECT: KOREA SECTORAL SURVEY CONTRACT

REF: (A) USDOC 03798; (B) SEOUL 1236

1. WITH MARCH 30 EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR SUBJECT CONTRACT AWARD RAPIDLY APPROACHING (REFTEL A), EMBASSY WISHES TO REITERATE THE HIGH IMPORTANCE, EXPRESSED IN REFTEL (B) AND PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS, IT ATTACHES TO COMPLETION OF THIS SURVEY.

2. WE WERE SURPRISED AND CONCERNED ON BEING INFORMED FEBRUARY 26, THE ORIGINAL DEADLINE DATE, THAT FUNDS FOR THE SURVEY CONTRACT WERE NOT THEN AVAILABLE. WE TRUST THEY WILL HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE BY MARCH 30. OUR CONCERN RELATES IN PART OF COURSE TO THE MUCH-NEEDED SURVEY, WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN DELAYED OVER ONE YEAR. IN ADDITION, IF IT WERE NECESSARY TO DELAY AWARDING THE CONTRACT ANY LONGER, THE EMBASSY'S AND USDOC'S CREDIBILITY IN THE LOCAL RESEARCH COMMUNITY WOULD BE MOST ADVERSELY AFFECTED. THE DEPARTMENT IS OF COURSE AWARE OF THE 1976-77 DEVELOPMENTS LEADING TO THE ABORTED MOBIUS STUDY, WHICH LEFT LOCAL RESEARCH FIRMS DISILLUSIONED AND SKEPTICAL. TWO OF THOSE LOCAL FIRMS ONLY RELUCTANTLY WENT TO THE TROUBLE AND EXPENSE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT BIDS FOR THE REVIVED CONTRACT.

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